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CITY OF BURLINGTON

USE of Force Report
April 01, 2023 – April 30, 2023

Total Number of Incidents for 4/1/23 – 4/30/23 – Incidents 2459

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 17

Total Uses of Force – 48

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .7 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 9

White Female – 10

Black Male – 6

Black Female – 0

Asian Male – 1

Incidents

1. 23BU006063 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

4/05/23

Complainant called stating that a female that had been recently evicted by the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department had broken back into the residence and locked themselves inside. Previously the female had told the Sheriff's Deputies that she had a firearm. Officer attempted to negotiate with the female. Due to the possibility of a firearm it was decided to for the safety of the female and the officers a robot would be deployed inside to see if the female was armed with a firearm. While approaching the back of the residence to deploy the robot the female came to the back door. Two officers pointed their firearms at the female in the backdoor window and gave verbal commands to show her hands. The female complied and was taken into custody without incident. While escorting the arrestee to a police cruiser the female began to resist and an officer had to physically move her to the cruiser to be transported.

White Female Age 36, 5'08" 150 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 3 – empty hand controls.

Arrestee – no injury



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Officer – no injury

2. 23BU006202 Arrest Violation of Conditions of Release/Resisting Arrest

Officer Initiated

4/07/23

Officer observed a male in City Hall Park who had court ordered conditions to not be in the park. The officer approached the male and advised him of the conditions. The male began to back away and the officer took hold one of the male's arms telling him he was under arrest. The male began to resist attempting to pull away from the officer. The officer told the male to stop resisting approximately 15 times before taking the male to the ground in a controlled manner. Once on the ground a second officer was able to handcuff the arrestee.

Black Male Age 25, 5'09" 200 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

3. 23BU006231 Domestic Disturbance

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

4/7/23

Complainant called stating their juvenile adopted daughter was being assaultive towards them. When officers arrived at the residence they found the parents struggling to hold the juvenile down on the floor as the juvenile was reaching for objects. Two officers assisted by taking hold of the juvenile's arms and holding her down and the father moving to hold the juveniles legs down. Officer attempted to de-escalate the juvenile but she continued to struggle and made statements of wanting to die and telling the officer to kill her. A third officer arrived and relieved the father and held the juveniles legs down. The Burlington Fire Department arrived and a fourth officer were able to place the juvenile in handcuffs and have her transported by BFD to UVMHC ED for mental health evaluation.

White Female Age 12, 5'06" 130 lbs.

4 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal de-escalation/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls.



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Officer 4 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subject – no injury

Officers – no injury

4. 23BU006239 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/07/23

Employee of downtown bar called stating a male was refusing to leave the premises. Upon arrival two officers located the male sitting at the bar. The officers informed the male that the bar wanted him to leave. The male refused to leave. The two officers each took hold of an arm and stood the male up. The male resisted and the officers had to escort him out of the bar. Outside the officer explained to the male he was under arrest and to place his hands behind his back. The arrestee refused to do comply and the officers had to physically place his hands behind his back and handcuff him.

White Male Age 60, 5'07" 170 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

5. 23BU006276 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/08/23

Employee from the local shelter modular pod housing called stating they had a female client that was refusing to leave. The female was not following the agreement she signed and was refusing other services. Three officers arrived on scene. Members from Howard Health Services and a BPD Community Service Liaison were also present. They attempted to have dialogue with the female client but she refused to listen to them. Staff read the trespass notice to the female and officers then provided her an opportunity to leave of her own violation. Two officers advised she was under arrest and each took hold of an arm and escorted her out of the pod doorway. The female began to resist by attempting to pull away from the officers. A third officer took hold of the arrestee's arm allowing one of officers to place the arrestee in handcuffs.



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White Female Age 35, 5'01" 110 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

6. 23BU007085 Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/17/23

Complainant called concerning an overdosing subject. Upon arrival officer located numerous subjects trespassing at the residence. A female was identified by the property owner and was trespassed. Officer later checked her name with dispatch and was found to have a Governors warrant from the State of New Hampshire. Officer relocated the female nearby and spoke with her. They advised the female of the warrant for her arrest and she attempted to walk away. One officer took hold of her arms and put them behind her back where another officer compliantly handcuffed her without incident.

White Female Age 37, 5'08" 160 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

7. 23BU007158 Arrest Violation of Conditions of Release/Impeding/Resisting Arrest/Assault on Law Enforcement Officer

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/17/23

Female complainant called stating a male subject in their residence was overdosing. Officers and the Burlington Fire Department arrived on scene. The male answered the door, stated they were all set and slammed the door. Officers recognized the male and dispatch advised the male



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had a warrant for his arrest. Officer made contact with the female caller who allowed them into the residence. The officers entered and asked the female where the male was. The male stepped into view. The officer ordered the male to put his hands behind his back and turn around. The officer then took hold of the male's right arm. The male immediately attempted to pull away from the officer. A second officer attempted to assist the first officer in gaining control of the male. The first officer told the male to stop resisting and warned the male he would be tased. The male continued to resist. The officer drew his CEW and applied a drive stun to the male's torso. The male grabbed the CEW and the officer pulled it away and discarded the CEW. While the officers continued to attempt to control the male, he attempted to claw at one of the officers face. The officers and male were on a couch in the residence, with a firefighter holding the male's legs, when a third officer arrived on scene. The officer took hold of the male's legs. The male fought to pull his legs free, the officer drew his CEW and warned the male to stop or he would be tased. The officer did not tase the male and holstered their CEW. The officers were able to move the still resisting arrestee from the couch to the floor. There they attempted to handcuff the arrestee. A fourth officer had to assist the handcuffing officer and move the arrestee's hand to the small of their back. The arrestee was placed in handcuffs.

White Male Age 67, 5'08" 180 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commandsX6/empty hand controls/CEW deployed/empty hand controls/

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – empty hand controls/CEW displayed

Officer 4 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

8. 23BU007231 Arrest Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/18/23

Complainant called concerning a female who had stopped her vehicle in traffic on North Avenue. As Officers responded the female began to disrobe. When officer arrived on scene the female was seated in her vehicle with no pants on. The female was nonverbal with officers who attempted to speak with her. The female did at one point attempt to drive off, .A officer was able to place the vehicle in park and removed the keys from the vehicle. The Burlington Fire Department arrived on scene. Officer and street outreach spoke with the female over the course of approximately 35 minutes trying to assess what was going on and to have her exit the



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vehicle. During this time the female would strike the side of her head with her hands and scream. BFD spoke with a Doctor at the UVMCC ED and were given permission medically assist the female. An Officer had to hold the females arms while a BFD Paramedic worked with the female. Officers had to physically remove her from the vehicle and place her on a stretcher. The arrestee was transported to UVMCC ED for evaluation.

White Female Age 24, 6'02" 250 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal conversation/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal conversation/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officer 4 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

9. 23BU007272 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/19/23

Complainant called stating they observed a male breaking into the old YMCA building. The property manager when contacted advised he needed police assistance in clearing the building. Officers announced their presence. Officers then entered the building with their firearms drawn and began their search of the building. During the course of their search the one officer pointed their firearms at the 4 arrestees they encountered in the building. The four were handcuffed and taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 37, 5'08" 170 lbs.

White Male Age 29, 5'09" 135 lbs.

White Male Age 26, 5'11" 170 lbs.

White Female Age 28, 5'06" 184 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal command/firearm pointed

Arrestees – no injury

Officers – no injury



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10. 23BU007293/23BU007313 Arrest Unlawful Trespass/Simple Assault on a Police Officer/Simple Assault on a Firefighter

Complainant/Officers dispatched
4/19/23

TSA called stating they had a disorderly male in the screening checkpoint. The male was stating he was being poisoned by fentanyl when TSA swabbed his hands while being screened for explosives. The disturbance by the male caused the TSA to shut down the entire checkpoint lane. The airport officer responded as did a supervisor from downtown. The male was cleared by TSA screening and was free to leave but refused. South Burlington Fire Department arrived at the male's behest. The Burlington International Airport Director issued a 1 day trespass to the male. At this point the male refused all medical services. An officer told the male he had to leave and he initially refused but then started walking. After a short distance the male stopped and started to sit on a screening machine. The officer advised the male he was under arrest at which point the male dropped to the ground. Officers both took hold of an arm and placed the male prone on his stomach and handcuffed him. Officers assisted the arrestee back to his feet and then walked him out of the terminal to a police cruiser. The arrestee would plant his feet to stop the officers from walking him out. The arrestee was brought to BPD where they refused to exit the cruiser. Two officers had to physically remove the arrestee from the back of the cruiser. The arrestee refused to walk into the holding area and the officers also had to physically escort him into the holding area. Once there, officers removed the handcuffs. The arrestee refused to remove his shoes or remove the shoelaces. The officer negotiated with the arrestee for approximately 5 – 7 minutes. The arrestee was then placed back into handcuffs and secured to a bench in the holding cell. A judge was contacted and the arrestee was given a court date and conditions. Officers returned to the cell, explained to the arrestee they were being released and freed him from the bench. The arrestee refused to leave and would not allow the officers to remove the handcuffs from his hand. An officer again secured the male to the bench, while doing this the male kissed the side of the officers cheek and stated to the effect that he hoped the officer now had what he had in him. As the officer backed out of the cell the male kicked the officer in the shin. An emergency evaluation warrant was obtained and BFD was called in to assist in transport of the arrestee to UVMHC ED. The arrestee stated he was going to spit on officers so a spit hood was applied. An officer had to hold the arrestee while the handcuffs were removed and he was put onto a gurney with BFD assistance. A fire fighter was reaching over the arrestee to pull a strap on the gurney tighter the arrestee head butted the fire fighter. The arrestee was transported to UVMHC ED.

White Male Age 37, 5'09" 160 lbs.



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4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

11. 23BU007493 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/21/23

Complainant called stating a female was refusing to leave the UVMC ED. An employee told her she would have to leave after she had yelling in the waiting room and triage room and when she had not been seen immediately she started wandering through the hospital. Two officers arrived on scene and escorted her outside. The female then went and sat on the curb by the Ambulance entrance and refused to leave. Officer placed her under arrest for unlawful trespass and had to physically stand the arrestee up and escort her to the police cruiser. Due to the arrestee's arm being in a sling officers did not handcuff her.

White Female Age 43, 5'05" 140 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

12. 23BU007660 Arrest Violation of Court Conditions of Release

Officer initiated

4/23/23

Officer observed a male they knew to have a court issued 24 hour curfew South Winooski Avenue. The officer went out with the male who stated his conditions had changed. The officer patted the male for weapons and located a knife which was also a violation of his Conditions of Release. Two other officers were now also on scene. The officer told the male he was under



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arrest for violating his conditions of release. Officers asked him to remove his satchel so they would not have to cut it off. The male complied but filled his hands with items as well. Two officers each took an arm while the third removed some of the items from the arrestee's hands. The two officers physically moved the arrestee hands behind his back and placed him in handcuffs. The arrestee was told to get into the cruiser several times but did not comply. The officer turned the male had placed his hand on the arrestee's chest while grasping the arrestee's waist band and belt and sat him into the cruiser. The arrestee tried to kick the officer but missed. At BPD the arrestee asked for BFD for an asthma issue. BFD arrived and evaluated him finding no issues. The arrestee then stated he needed a MRI/imaging for prior pain. The arrestee transported to UVMHC ED by BFD, evaluated, released and lodged on \$200 bail.

Black Male Age 43, 6"02 180 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

13. 23BU007678 Arrest Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers dispatched

4/23/23

The owner of a downtown pizza shop called stating a male was inside waving a knife around and threatening people. An officer arriving on scene observed the suspect near the pizza shop. The suspect started coming towards the officer. Because the suspect had been armed with a knife the officer drew their firearm and pointed at the suspect. The officer gave them commands to get on the ground and the male complied. Two other officers arrived and compliantly handcuffed the suspect. The suspect was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

White Male Age 34, 5'11" 175 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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14. 23BU007713 Protective Custody

Complainant/Officers dispatched
4/24/23

911 caller stating a male was outside his residence with a firearm before disconnecting. Officer approaching the address of the residence observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The officers stopped the vehicle and a male exited the vehicle and quickly approached officers stating he was the caller. One officer was able to have the male place his hands on his head. The other two officers drew their firearms and one pointed their firearm at the operator. Once the officers had control of the scene, one officer holstered his firearm and assisted the officer with the male. The officer told the male he was being detained, to place his hands behind his back and not to resist. The male did not comply and the officer had to physically move the male's arm behind his back and the male was placed in handcuffs. The officer then returned to the vehicle and had the operator exit. The officer briefly placed her in handcuffs and explained what had happened. The officer removed from the handcuffs. The operator stated to the officer the male had taken several illicit drugs and was acting erratically. Officers took him into protective custody. An officer transported the male to UVMHC ED. At the hospital in triage the male, who had become more resistive, attempted to leave. The male wrapped his leg around the officer's leg. The officer took the male to the ground and held him there until UVMHC ED staff brought a wheel chair over. The male was admitted to UVMHC ED due to his condition.

White Male Age 38, 5'11" 185 lbs.

White Female Age 58, 5' 02" 180 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed/verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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15. 23BU007920 Arrest Distribution of Narcotics/Warrant Arrest

Officer initiated

4/27/23

Burlington Police executed a Narcotic Search warrant at a residence in Burlington. The officers knocked and announced their presence at the door to the residence. The officer gave verbal commands for the subjects inside to exit the residence. No subject exited the residence. Officer entered the residence and began to clear it. During the clearing of the residence officers had the firearms out and pointed them at subjects they came in contact with. A male subject attempted to flee out of a window but was detained. Officers located 2 more subjects, a male and female, in the residence. The two were handcuffed and detained. The male and female were arrested on warrants. The third subject was released.

White Male Age 33, 5'05" 155 lbs.

Asian Male Age 51, 5'05" 140 lbs.

White Female Age 42, 5'03" 140 lbs.

6 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/firearm displayed

Officer 4 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 5 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 6 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Arrestees – no injury

Officers – no injury

16. 23BU007937 Arrest Violation of Conditions of Release/Warrant

Officer initiated

4/27/23

Detective unit observed the operator of a motor vehicle and believed it to be a wanted suspect from the previous search warrant, 23BU007920 that was not located. They asked an officer to stop the vehicle and ascertain the identity of the operator. The officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop when the vehicle pulled into a gas station. One officer pointed their firearm at the male operator and told him to place his hands on his head. The second officer reached the male and compliantly handcuffed the male. The operator was not the suspect but had a warrant for their arrest and was in violation of a 24 hour curfew condition of release. A second



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occupant a female subject was removed from the vehicle and during this a firearm was pointed at her. The female was complaint and not detained.

Black Male Age 35, 5'10" 180 lbs.

White Female Age 48, 5'06", 145 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Subject – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

17. 23BU008172 Search Warrant Attempted Homicide/Arrest Narcotic Possession

Officer initiated

4/29/23

Burlington Police officers executed a search warrant at the apartment of an attempted homicide. The officers knocked and announced their presence at the door to the apartment. No one came to the door or replied. An officer announced their presence once more. Upon receiving no reply officers made entry into the apartment. During a sweep of the apartment the officers located 3 male subjects and firearms were pointed at them. The three subjects obeyed commands and were compliantly handcuffed and detained. Two subjects were arrested for narcotic possession.

Black Male Age 15, 5'06" 150 lbs.

Black Male Age 19, 5'08" 160 lbs.

Black Male Age 20, 6'02" 160 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 –Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Firearm displayed

Subject – no injury

Arrestees – no injury

Officers – no injury